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Program to promote research by students

A new program designed to promote student research at Missouri Southern has received \$7,500 to help it get started.

Dr. Richard LaNear, professor of business, said the program should "stimulate" student research, and the amount of money available will double to \$15,000 starting June 1.

Applications for student research grants will be circulated soon, according to Dr. Lanny Ackiss, a member of the student research grant committee, chaired by LaNear. Other members of the committee include Grace Ayton, instructor of nursing; Steve Earney, director of the computer center; Delores Honey, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology; Dr. Jasbir Jaswal, professor of business; Dr. Gwen Murdock, assistant professor of psychology; and Dr. Bob Steere, professor of education.

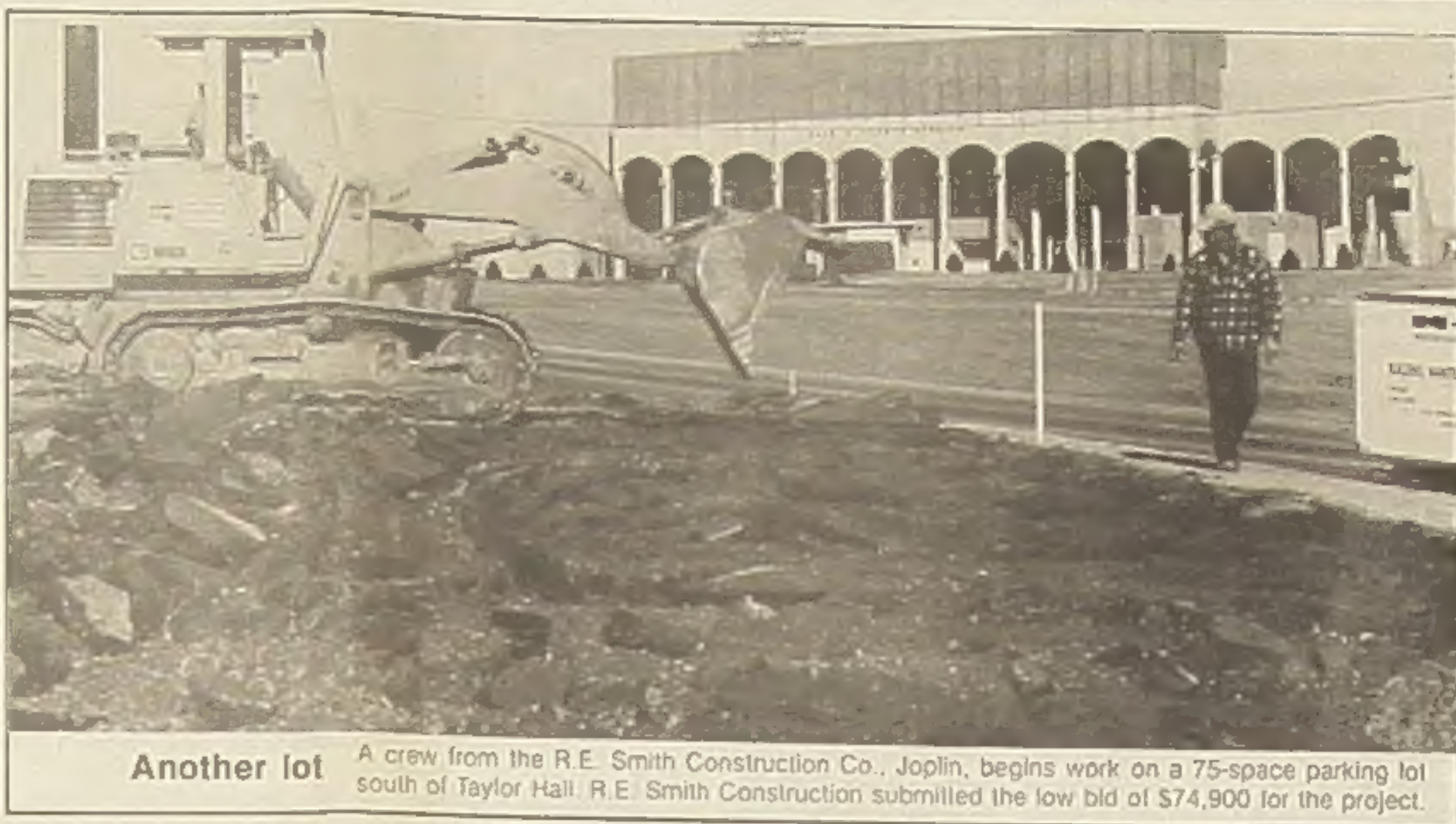
The committee is scheduled to meet once a month to consider student applica-

tions. LaNear said a pair of students have indicated their desire for research funds to date.

"This was mostly [College] President [Julio] Leon's idea," LaNear said. "I support the idea and I think it's a good project, but Dr. Leon sowed the initial seed."

A report given by the committee states "research is among the most challenging and productive academic endeavors students can pursue, and the College through this committee seeks to assist students in their intellectual and professional development in this regard."

Students must apply to the committee for grants and have a faculty sponsor responsible for coordinating the research project and endorsing the expenditure of grant funds. The committee would then recommend the grant to the vice president for academic affairs. Upon completion of the project, the student must submit a written report to the committee and offer a public presentation of findings.



Another lot

A crew from the R.E. Smith Construction Co., Joplin, begins work on a 75-space parking lot south of Taylor Hall. R.E. Smith Construction submitted the low bid of \$74,900 for the project.

Student wages to go up; hours per week to drop

A reduction in the number of hours a student employee can work per week will result in increased hourly wages for those employed by the College.

A memo from Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs, calls on student employees to work no more than 17 hours per week, starting July 1.

Tiede attributes the move to numerous federal laws that denote 17.5 hours as a standard work week for employees entitled to benefits. Student employees are not entitled to benefits.

"In unusual circumstances, this could be exceeded in a given week, but work should correspondingly be reduced in subsequent weeks, so that the average over the year does not exceed 17 hours," Tiede

said in the memo.

As of July 1, first-year student employees will receive \$3.85 per hour. Student employees with more than one year's experience will receive \$4 per hour. However, when the minimum wage increases, the College's wages will match the jump.

"To help offset any income loss, the College will raise the wages so they will be slightly higher than the new minimum wage figures," Tiede said.

After April 1991, first-year employees will receive \$4.30 per hour and all others will receive \$4.45.

"We didn't want to end up having the students suffer because of these changes," Tiede said. "We'll raise the wages enough so the students won't suffer."

Institutions frustrated with data

Higher education institutions can expect no new legislative initiatives to cure their underfunding, according to the higher education commissioner.

Dr. Charles McClain told *The Chart* yesterday that "nothing will happen in 1990" and that 1991 would be the earliest institutions might see substantive action.

For the time being, institutions continue to provide data to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The data acts as a kind of performance indicator. At the Governor's Conference on Higher Education in December, John Ashcroft gave renewed attention to performance indicators, hinting that institutions could get increased appropriations if they cooperate by providing institutional data.

Despite his incentive, Missouri institutions are looking at leaner budgets this fiscal year. While the CBHE recommended a 17.7 percent increase for Missouri Southern for fiscal year 1991, Ashcroft recommended a 4 percent increase, leaving officials to wonder how long it will take for the data to have an impact on the College's budget. Southern President Julio Leon is worried, however, about those who would compare data from Southern with that of institutions like Southwest Missouri State University or the University of Missouri, which have larger enrollments, specifically resident students.

Despite that concern, he agrees with Ashcroft's call for institutions to be responsible to taxpayers.

McClain admits that some institutions have become frustrated because of the amounts of data they have to provide.

"It's understandable that some presidents are getting a little discouraged," McClain said. "Some of them are feeling a level of frustration. But if in fact it is the right thing to do, I wouldn't want the institutions to stop doing it."



Hit by theft

A 1984 Chevrolet Celebrity owned by junior Neill Hyde was one of the four or five cars broken into on campus Monday night. Hyde reported the theft of some 150 cassette tapes and a radar detector.

Vandalism strikes campus

Several cars at Missouri Southern were broken into early Monday evening. According to Bill Boyer, chief of security, two cars at Webster Hall and two behind the gymnasium were robbed.

However, freshman Todd Hadlock claimed three cars were broken into at the residence halls, including his own.

One stereo speaker, two pioneer radio speakers, a Walkman headset, a Cobra radar detector, a blue gym bag, and cassette tapes and cases were reported stolen from the cars.

Neill Hyde, a junior at Southern, said

he lost two cases of tapes, which were sitting on the floorboards of his car. He also lost his radar detector.

Hyde said he returned to his room at approximately 6:15 p.m. Monday and went to his car an hour later. He then discovered that the rear window of his car was broken.

According to Detective Lance Nichols of the Joplin Police Department, there aren't any leads yet.

"It'll be investigated to see if we can come up with anything," he said. "If there's any leads we'll follow up on those."

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

A decrease in the number of Faculty Senate meetings this academic year has resulted in criticism and doubts about the body's effectiveness from faculty members.

The Senate will hold its first meeting this semester at 3 p.m. Monday in Room 313 of the Billingsly Student Center.

The Senate met only three times during the fall semester—on Sept. 18, Oct. 16, and Nov. 20. By comparison, it met six times in the fall of 1988.

"The reason we haven't had that many meetings this year is because there haven't been too many things to discuss," said Retha Ketchum, Senate president. "There have been things that we have discussed and gone over, but for the most part it's been a slow semester."

"There's just been a lack of business, so we haven't met very much this year."

Part of the reason for the lack of busi-

ness, according to Ketchum, is the fact that the College has not had any problems that need to be brought before the Senate. However, many faculty members say the Senate is supposed to do more than just handle problems.

"It is a very bad sign when the Senate does not meet," said Don Seneker, 1985-86 president. "There are still things that can be done. Calling off meetings is an indication of peace and harmony, but the Senate certainly doesn't have to wait until there is discord to function."

"They can be looking ahead and planning things out they want to do in the year ahead. They should take a role in helping to guide the future of the College."

According to Seneker, many faculty members are reluctant to just will not bring items before the Senate. He said those members are the ones who think the Senate "is a waste of time and doesn't get anything accomplished."

"Those people who believe the Senate is not a worthwhile institution are misin-

formed or disillusioned for some other reason," he said. "A lot of people don't want to be identified to one side or another of a particular matter, but they cannot complain if things don't change."

Dr. Judy Conboy, 1982-83 Senate president, said the purpose of the body is to express the faculty's opinion, not to establish policy.

"The Senate is technically supposed to participate in the decision-making process," she said, "but its primary function is to express the opinions and concerns of the faculty."

According to Dr. Paul Teverow, 1988-89 Senate president, when confronted, the faculty usually has many concerns.

"Each member of the faculty has an opinion or concern of some matter, but they won't tell the right people or bring it up for some reason," said Teverow. "It's a bad sign when the Senate doesn't meet

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College joins other schools in withholding information

A battle by student editors from Southwest Missouri University and Northwest Missouri State University to gain access to campus safety records now seems to have included *The Chart*.

Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs, and Bill Boyer, chief of campus security, yesterday refused to release a security report on the break-in of four student vehicles Monday night.

"We believe we have the right to print all the facts and details about these crimes," said Christopher Clark, editor-in-chief of *The Chart*. "By withholding names and other information, our readers aren't served and the College engages in a dangerous game of secrecy."

Tiede said he would contact the College attorney to discuss Southern's obligations in the matter.

"It's a matter of privacy," Tiede said. "Maybe we can work out something where we can release the information with the names deleted."

Tiede did instruct Boyer to release the general details of the break-ins. Boyer would not discuss more specific aspects of the crimes, however.

Ironically, *The Chart* was contacted Tuesday by Traci Bauer, editor of *The Southwest Standard* at SMSU, for information she is compiling in a lawsuit against the university.

"She asked if we had had any problem with our college withholding information," said Clark. "We told her that the administration had been pretty cooperative. It's ironic that we would be denied information a day after telling Traci there wasn't a problem here."

Bauer is suing SMSU for denying her access to campus safety records. The case is expected to go to court sometime this month. Attorney General Bill Webster recently declined to give a legal opinion on the matter because of the lawsuit.

Mark Goodman, director of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C.,

said the Missouri Sunshine Law mandates the release of campus security reports.

"This type of withholding is happening at colleges and universities all over the nation," he said. "We get three to four calls a week about this problem."

"As in the SMSU case, Missouri Southern is clearly wrong by withholding the information. The Open Records Law is very clear about this."

Many college administrators use the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, often called the Buckley amendment, as a defense against releasing certain material.

"Although the Buckley amendment may limit the reporting of a few newsworthy disciplinary problems, it should not generally be a severe limitation to the mass media," say Kent R. Middleton and Bill F. Chamberlin in *The Law of Public Communication*. "However, school officials fearing the loss of federal funding could interpret the act to limit access to information unnecessarily."

According to Goodman, no college or university has ever lost federal funding for allowing access to media students.

At Northwest Missouri State, members of the *Northwest Missourian* staff are closely watching the SMSU case because they, too, have been denied access to campus security reports. The staff has had difficulty tracking down rumors about rapes and sexual assaults on campus.

"Our job, and any newspaper's job, is to inform, which includes the crimes going on," said Timothy Tood, *Northwest Missourian* editor. "The public has a right to know, but if they don't know what is going on they can't protect themselves."

Meanwhile, in the state legislature, Rep. Bonnie Cooper (R-Kansas City) has introduced a bill that would establish the College and University Security Information Act. All colleges and universities in the state would be required to keep statistics of crime as campus policy to protect students and faculty.

Moscow trip leaves lasting impression

Demery surprised at isolation of Soviets

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

As one of the few students chosen to a delegation from the Midwest Model United Nations, Gail Demery recently traveled to Moscow to participate in an International Model Conference.

Demery, a senior English major, departed with the rest of the delegation Jan. 19 and returned Monday.

According to Demery, one of the major differences between the international conference and the regular MMUN conferences was the language barrier.

During each session, which lasted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., delegates were required to wear headsets and speak into a microphone in order for interpreters to moderate the meeting.

Though many people had asked her if she was nervous about participating in the conference, Demery said she was relaxed.

"The education I've received here has allowed me to compete on an equal basis around the world," she said. "The conferences in St. Louis are more of a competition, but the Soviets viewed this as a game."

Demery said adapting to the cultural differences was a challenge.

"You had people who were native to a country that you might be representing who knew if you did something wrong," she said.

Outside of the conference, Demery found the people she met the most fascinating part of the trip. She and the other students from the Midwest delegation became friends with three men and two women from Minsk.

"Once we started sharing things, they were very open," she said. "They were as hungry for information about us as we

were about them.

"I realized that once you get past the cultural differences, people are people no matter where they're from. They have the same concerns."

Although Russian was spoken around her, Demery said communication was not as much of a problem as one might think.

"Even though most of the citizens of the Soviet Union do not speak English, they were very helpful," she said. "I was surprised how well people can communicate when they don't speak the same language. But if I ever have the chance to go over there again, I would do some language study just to have a little bit of knowledge because I had none."

One cultural difference Demery noted was the absence of drinking fountains and soda machines. Conference participants were allowed one bottle of soda for dinner.

Demery also was surprised at the isolation of the Soviets. She said few news magazines are available, and goods not readily available are often sold through the black market.

"The black market probably encompasses anywhere from one-third to one-half of their total economy," said Demery.

"I felt guilty that we have so much and they have so little. People just stood in line forever to get commodities we don't even think about."

Even though she enjoyed participating in the conference, Demery said it is the people she will not forget.

"Even though it was very sad leaving these people knowing I'd never see them again, I don't regret taking the time to get to know them well," she said. "The conference was fine, but it was the trip over there and meeting people from all over the world that made it memorable."



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Taking a break

Emmitt Gorton, the Hughes Stadium custodian, took time out Tuesday afternoon to practice his golf swing. Gorton, an avid player, makes his own golf clubs.

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because it shows apathy on the part of the faculty. Then it puts the Senate in a position where they can't address the issue or issues they consider important."

On the other hand, some faculty members maintain that it is OK to reschedule or cancel Senate meetings.

"It seems silly to meet if there is no real business to conduct," said Dr. Joe Lambert, 1983-84 president. "Skipping meetings is understandable. But what is not being voiced are the criticisms of the faculty. There'll always be dividing opinions on that."

Counselors to conduct workshop

Missouri Southern's financial aid office will conduct a workshop next week for current and prospective students.

The workshop, to begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8 on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center, will involve an hour-long presentation discussing the procedures of filling out financial aid forms as well as the different types of financial aid available.

Also during the workshop, financial aid counselors will explain Southern's participation in a new program allowing the College to transmit financial aid applications electronically, greatly reducing the time it takes to process the applications. In November, the state's Coordinating Board for Higher Education chose Southern for a pilot study using the new service.

Students who currently attend the College will be able file need analyses free of charge. As part of the program, the CBHE is allowing the College to waive need analyses fees by picking up the tab.

According to Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid, Southern is the only institution in the region that can electronically file financial aid applications.

"We are at the forefront of financial aid," he said.

According to Gilbert, the current four to six weeks it takes for financial aid to be processed could be reduced to just over two weeks.

Gilbert said the workshop will address the problems of filing for financial aid, specifically errors made by applicants when filling out aid forms. He said 62 percent of all Pell Grant applicants fill out the forms incorrectly.

"That's a problem here," Gilbert said. "We need to correct it, and the workshop will hopefully aid students in filling out the forms correctly."

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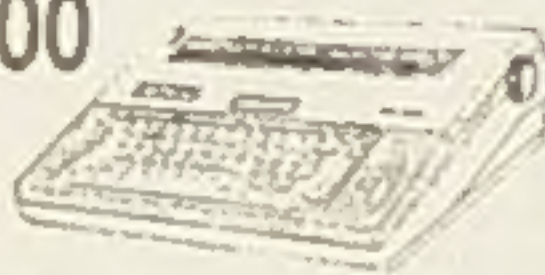
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To be published

Lori Bogle, a senior history major, will have her paper on desegregation and racism published in *The Missouri Historical Review* sometime in the next year.

Phon-A-Thon to kick off 250 volunteers will try to raise \$150,000

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Missouri Southern Foundation will kick off its eighth annual Phon-A-Thon with a brief program at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Alumni House.

This year's theme, "Challenge and Opportunity," reflects the challenges the College faces annually in providing students with the best education possible. Funds from the Phon-A-Thon are used to support internships, scholarships, the Business and Economic Lecture Series, faculty and student development, Spiva Library, and the child-care development center.

The Phon-A-Thon was established in 1983 when the Foundation discovered a need for more funds to support departmental programs. More than \$750,000 has been donated since that time.

This year, the goal has been set at \$150,000. According to Sue Billingsly, director of the Foundation, the goal has been exceeded each year.

"We feel that \$150,000 is a good, standard goal to leave it at," said Billingsly. "We're always optimistic that we'll reach it, but we never know."

More than 250 volunteers have offered their services this year to telephone some 14,000 alumni, former students, parents of students, and friends of the College asking for pledges. Other volunteers will assist with keeping records, mailing pledge cards and certificates, and providing

refreshments for the callers.

Billingsly has been pleased with the turnout of volunteers.

"They've been very responsive to our calls," she said. "We've been very pleased with the response from both faculty, students, and friends."

Members of the Foundation's board of directors serving as co-chairmen for the Phon-A-Thon this year are Mark Elliff of Carthage and Robert Lamb of Joplin.

"Although education is costly and seems to increase each year, Missouri Southern has done a very good job of providing a first-class education while keeping the cost of tuition down," said Elliff. "However, there are still many people who need financial assistance. The annual Phon-A-Thon enables citizens throughout the area to help those who are unable to meet these costs to obtain a quality education."

According to Lamb, Southern is one of the most important resources in the four-state area.

"It has done a superb job in supplying quality education to both our youth and the non-traditional students," he said. "Education will continue to play a critical role in the future development of this area."

Among the callers who will begin the campaign at 2 p.m. Sunday are College President Julio Leon; Congressman Mel Hancock; retired Congressman Gene Taylor; and state representatives Mark Elliott, Chuck Surface, and Gary Burton.

'Review' to publish student's paper

Bogle conducts study of desegregation, racism in Joplin, Cassville

BY CARINE PETERSON
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Desegregation and racism in the surrounding area are the topics of Lori Bogle's paper which has been accepted for publication in *The Missouri Historical Review*.

Bogle, a senior history major, says racism in the area interests her.

"In history, a subject that no one has done really intrigues me," she said. "I want to find something that know one knows about. That to me is like digging up a treasure."

"It appears, as far as what I compare to other places, they (people in the surrounding area) are more racist," she said. "In Cassville it seems to be more severe than it is in Joplin."

"Until recently in Cassville, a black person wouldn't want to be in town overnight, and the few black people I saw never stayed around long."

According to Bogle, who lives in Cassville, Joplin's mining history and Cassville's agricultural industry might be contributing factors to racism.

Bogle was the only person in Missouri to receive the Younger Scholar Award for

1989. She received \$2,200 to write the paper over a seven-week period in the summer.

"It was like having a summer job," said Bogle. Virginia Laas, Bogle's project adviser and a history instructor at Missouri Southern, received \$400 for her assistance.

"I had a little bit of trouble getting people to talk to me sometimes," Bogle said, "but on the whole I'd say everyone is really friendly."

Bogle said many people were confused about the significance of her paper while she conducted interviews.

"I don't know if it can achieve anything. It is like thinking too much of myself to think it could achieve anything," Bogle said. "If it makes anyone think about racism, that would make me very happy."

When she first started writing the paper she realized "there is a lack of interest of black history in Joplin."

Bogle says she has talked to the historical societies and "there is nothing."

"There is enough black history to keep this town (Joplin) busy writing about it," she said. "There were lynchings in this town of black people. There were black riots."

Bogle says she is concerned that not much material has been compiled on M.W. Dial, the first black city councilman in Missouri and the principal of Joplin's Lincoln School during desegregation.

"There is just nothing written about him except for an obituary or a little phrase in the history of Joplin," she said.

"If this stirs up interest in black history, that would be what I want this to accomplish. I don't think it is going to accomplish any big sociological effect on anybody."

Bogle says Southern should offer a class in black history because "the more education, the more people will be aware."

Bogle, 34, considers her return to school, her application for acceptance to the honors program, and writing the paper three of the smartest things she has done in her life.

"This paper has opened up doors for me," she said.

It may be another year before the paper is published in *The Missouri Historical Review*. Laas said she cannot remember when the *Review* last published an undergraduate paper.

Senate hears four funding requests

First readings of organizational requests dominated new business at last night's meeting of the Student Senate.

Requests from Omicron Delta Kappa, the Modern Communications Club, Kappa Omicron Rho, and the education department were given first readings.

The Modern Communications Club's request for \$600 to help pay for tickets to an opera in Tulsa also was given a second reading. The Senate voted to allocate up to \$600, depending on the number of

students who will attend *La Traviata*.

ODK's request for \$837 involves sending one member to the organization's national convention. Kappa Omicron Rho, a chapter of the the American Criminal Justice Association, also put in a request for \$1,000 to send students to its national conference in Kansas City March 26-30.

The education department asked the Senate for \$1,000 to help send 12 students on an educational tour of Mexico, with an emphasis placed on studies of that country's school system. Students will make

two-day visitations into public schools in Mexico City.

Students also will tour selected historical sites, the Anthropological Museum, the Folkloric Ballet, the Mayan ruins, and the University of Mexico, the oldest university in the western hemisphere.

During the meeting, Anna Miller, Senate treasurer, was given special recognition for the honor given her by *USA Today*.

Getting down to business

From the Business Office, Hearnes Hall Room 310

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Governor adds insult to injury

Nowadays, the phrase "funding woes" is synonymous with higher education, and Gov. John Ashcroft's insult seems to match nicely with our injury.

Ashcroft has failed to recommend funding for a new communications/social sciences building. Death, taxes, and no new facility. We expected that much, but it's his miniscule budget recommendation that makes us wonder. For all his rhetoric that emphasized the importance of performance indicators, higher education institutions continue to stare at lean budgets, leaving college and university presidents to wonder if all their data goes toward a worthless cause.

Certainly, College officials will continue to provide the needed data, but for what end? Ashcroft teases institutions by hinting at funding incentives, then turns around and pulls out the rug while he blames other state programs like Medicaid in the process. Did worries over such programs like Medicaid sprout overnight?

The point is simple. The College, by no fault of its own, goes nowhere fast by using its employees to gather data that apparently ends up in a shredder somewhere in Jefferson City. There are those who look forward to the day when Mr. Ashcroft leaves office to bobbie the hopes of another hapless segment of society. When that day comes, good riddance.

Secrecy hurts

The College's refusal to disclose facts pertinent to a story on recent vandalism seems to fit its public image design, but does little to serve the interests of honesty and openness.

Later this month, Traci Bauer, editor of *The Southwest Standard* at Southwest Missouri State University, will take her university to court, charging that SMSU's refusal to disclose security reports inhibits the newspaper's ability to inform its readership about campus crime. We fully support Bauer, but now we fear for ourselves.

National media attention has affixed itself on the SMSU case. It would behoove Southern to avoid the same kind of publicity by handing the information over to *The Chart* and letting us properly inform our readership.

By its actions, it is difficult to conclude what the College is trying to accomplish by withholding all the facts about the vandalism. Is there a vital concern for the privacy of its students, or is the secrecy steeped in an attempt at maintaining a positive light? Whatever the motive, the end result is wrong and may end up damaging the College's public image.

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

Jefferson never intended suppression of the church

Christopher Clark's editorial last week argues for the separation of church and state. I agree that freedom of and from religion is vital. But Mr. Clark's arguments go beyond separation of church and state to suppression of the church by the state, something Thomas Jefferson never intended.

One of the most important things that happens in the college setting is the free exchange of different ideas. This includes religious ideas. If student religious organizations are banned

from expressing themselves openly on campus, then they are being denied freedom of expression. Students miss out on the exchange of ideas and risk becoming more narrow-minded.

Money from student activities fees is currently available to all student organizations. It helps provide speakers and entertainment that can be enjoyed by any students who wish to participate. Senate may also help fund trips that will further Southern's reputation and broaden students' horizons. Funding is avail-

able to all organizations, regardless of philosophy. That's the way it should be.

There are, as Mr. Clark points out, people who are opposed to the philosophy of Young Democrats or College Republicans; there are those who are opposed to sororities and fraternities. These groups are eligible for money from student fees and entitled to bring in

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"From the data I can conclude...

that I need more data."



Bartlett award is morally questionable

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Each spring at Missouri Southern, an honor known as the Spencer Bartlett award is presented.

The award, carrying a cash prize anywhere from \$250 to \$400, is presented at the honors convocation to the most "worthy" male and female seniors.

The criteria are as follows: 1) the candidates must be U.S. citizens; 2) the candidates must exemplify respect for God, country, and their fellow man; 3) the applicant must be a Protestant; and 4) the applicant must be at least an average student.

If the statement of these criteria alone is not enough to disturb you, allow me to delve further into the discrimination and absurdity inherent in the award.

The first point, U.S. citizenship, is one which may not presently affect most students at Southern, but as our international population grows, so too will the number of deserving students excluded from this honor simply because they are not citizens. In essence, these students are being punished for bringing some semblance of cultural diversity to this campus.



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The second criterion deals with respect for God, country, and fellow man. While requirements like these represent high ideals, the scholarship, aid, and awards committee, which administers the award, is putting itself in a very shaky position when attempting to judge such personal qualities on a purely superficial and subjective basis.

For example, members of the committee might believe regular attendance at church services is the mark of an individual with great respect for God. However, some students may believe that the best way for them to worship is in the privacy of their homes. Perhaps work or family obligations limits their attendance. Does this mean they have less respect for God than the person who attends church three times per week? The same principle can just as easily be applied to respect for country and fellow man. It depends on the perceptions and values of both the committee and the person under consideration.

To aid in selection, an essay is submitted by each applicant which supposedly gives insight into the true character of the individual. However, this can be of little value when the applicant knows the criteria before hand and can model his or her essay to reflect the qualities desired by the committee.

The third criterion and easily the most outrageous and discriminatory is that the applicant must

be a Protestant. This means that a Catholic, a Jew, a Muslim, a Buddhist, or anyone following any of the world's various valid religions is totally excluded because of their beliefs.

Certainly Buddhists have as much respect for their god as Protestants do for theirs. Why, then, should the Protestant religion carry more weight? This is a case of blatant discrimination from every angle.

According to Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services and chairman of the selection committee, the cash prize is provided by a trust set up by the Bartlett family. The Bartlett family also establishes the criteria for the award, and therefore, according to Dolence, can include anything it chooses.

Although this may be the case, how can the College justify its involvement in this form of discrimination? The fact that the last criterion states that the applicant need only be an average student further amplifies the utter absurdity of this "honor."

Southern should not support an award which goes against so basic a principle as equality for all men and women and deals with subjective ideals. Scholarship awards such as this should be based solely on tangible qualities such as academic performance and financial need of the graduates.

By not only endorsing but participating in the selection process for the Spencer Bartlett award, Southern clearly is giving a stamp of approval to close-minded ideals and outright discrimination.

Dreaming into the 1990s and beyond

BY DR. HAROLD W. BODON
PROFESSOR OF FRENCH AND GERMAN

Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft, in a speech delivered at the Governor's Conference on Higher Education on Nov. 30, 1989, raised the following intriguing question: "Which Missouri institution might dare to develop a strong international emphasis that would permeate the entire institution? ... The possibilities are limited only by our imagination and by our willingness to embrace creative change."

Could Missouri Southern State College be that institution?

Watching the news at night one is amazed at the constant and increasingly rapid social, economic, and political changes taking place. These changes will eventually (perhaps sooner than we think) impact on the economic future of the United States, and our graduates will most certainly be affected by them.



IN PERSPECTIVE

In our 1989-91 MSSC Catalog we read: "The citizens of the twenty-first century cannot hope to prosper without a thorough knowledge of the cultures of the world."

The National Endowment for the Humanities proposed a 50-hour core curriculum for college students which includes a two-year foreign language requirement, noting that "language study is valuable in and of itself, however studying a second language gives us greater mastery over our own speech, helps us shape our thoughts with greater precision and our expressions with greater eloquence. Studying a foreign language also provides insight into the nature of language itself, into its power to shape ideas and experience."

In a 1989 report of the National Governors' Association, Thomas Kean, Governor of New Jersey, wrote: "There once was a time when Americans could afford the luxury of ignoring the seers and experts who urged us to learn the tongues and ways of other lands, but these days have gone the way of leaded gas and the nickel phone call." There

is a growing recognition of how crucial it is, in a world becoming daily more interdependent, for Americans to know other languages besides English.

At the present time our students may choose from French, German, or Spanish, and starting next year also Latin. Unfortunately not very many students take advantage of this opportunity. Could a business major profit from knowing another language? Could an education major profit from knowing another language? The answer seems obvious. In fact all of our students could benefit from knowing one or more foreign languages.

In terms of U.S. interests, the Government has now listed four languages as "wide-use languages" which are "crucial" to American economic and political interests. These languages are: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Japanese, and Russian.

Our students need to be challenged and given the opportunity to succeed in a very competitive world economy in the 1990s and beyond. It would be my recommendation and hope that all of our graduates be required to take at least two years of a foreign language and that we would add these "crucial" languages to our repertoire of choices for our students to take.

I have a dream...

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Organizations work to end animal exploitation, abuse

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Touted as the civil rights movement of the 1990s, the animal rights cause is gaining strength.

One group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, has been at the forefront of the movement. Founded by Alex Pacheco and Ingrid Newkirk in 1980, PETA is based in Washington D.C. and is the largest of its kind.

Growing from 8,000 to more than 250,000 members in the past five years, Evans attributes the expansion to both a growing awareness of the environment and more readily available facts concerning animal usage.

"We want the public to know the facts regarding fur production and factory farming and medical research, and we hope that people will, when confronted with the facts, choose the humane alternative," she said.

According to Evans, the organization is involved in several facets of the campaign against animal cruelty including demonstrations, investigations, education, lobbying, and special events.

PETA also produces a list of companies which do not test their products on animals and lodges protests against those who do. According to Evans, PETA recently announced a general boycott on products produced by Loreal in an attempt to gain assurance from the company that it has ceased animal testing.

The group also holds special events such as concerts and demonstrations, organizes leaflet campaigns and investigations of suspected animal rights abusers, and publishes a magazine for PETA members.

In addition, Dan Mathews, special projects coordinator for the group in conjunction with Allen Jourgenson of the music group Ministry and Wax Trax record company, has produced an album containing songs from performers supporting the animal rights movement.

Other celebrities involved include actresses Rue McClanahan and Beatrice Arthur, actor River Phoenix, musicians Belinda Carlisle and Howard Jones, and

baseball manager Tony LaRussa.

According to Evans, PETA is involved in fighting four basic areas of animal abuse: 1) factory farming, 2) medical and product research, 3) fur production, and 4) animals used in entertainment.

Evans says although many people believe vegetarian living would reduce food supply, hunger actually would be reduced.

"There would be much more food available because you can use land to produce vegetables in a much more efficient way than you can raise animals," said Evans.

She also said there are many alternatives to medical and product testing such as computer models and cell and tissue culture tests. Many of the tests used, according to PETA, are useless and unnecessarily cruel.

One such test, the Draize test, was developed in 1944. It involves dripping a substance into the eyes of a group of albino rabbits restrained from movement in stocks from which their heads protrude. Damage to the eye tissue is then recorded over a 72-hour period.

PETA claims the test is invalid because rabbits have more sensitive eyes and less effective tear ducts. The test also does not take into consideration actions taken to treat the eye before damage is incurred.

Another test used is the LD-50 test, which stands for "Lethal Dose, 50 percent." A group of animals is administered a dose of a test substance and then monitored until half of the animals have died.

This test also is invalid, according to PETA, because no action is taken to treat the situation.

Evans said animal rights supporters advocate a total cruelty-free lifestyle which would include a vegetarian diet and abstinence from the use of products tested on animals.

"We say that animals are not ours to wear, eat, or experiment on," she said. "People who are vegetarians and don't use cosmetics tested on animals are not making great sacrifices."

"We urge people to do what ever they can to prevent animal abuse."

Another group aiding in the animal

rights movement is the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), a group of lawyers who aid in animal abuse cases and promote the right of students to refuse to dissect animals as part of their education.

The group started in 1980 with two lawyers working in San Francisco. It now consists of three people on staff at the headquarters in San Raphael, Calif., and enlists the aid of more than 250 lawyers nationwide.

According to Joyce Tischler, executive director, the ALDF is active in opposing abuse in the areas of research, factory farming, companion animals, and wildlife.

Successes have included an injunction against the U.S. Patent Office to prevent the patent of genetically altered animals and a court order to promulgate enforcement of regulations contained in the 1985 Federal Animal Welfare Act.

The group also is strongly opposed to forced dissection. A landmark case involving Jennifer Graham, a student who refused to dissect a frog in a high school biology class, soon was followed by a California law giving students the right to refuse participation in dissection.

"A lot of people would like the option not to dissect, and that's what we're trying to do," said Tischler. "When you go into a biology class and are dissecting animals, you are learning two things: anatomy of the animal and that the life of that animal is meaningless."

According to Tischler, many options to dissection exist. These include charts, books, models of clay or plastic, computer programs, graphics or slides, and observing live animals.

"If one has a choice in doing something that harms another," she said, "and getting the information and not harming another, to me it's an obvious choice."

Although Tischner said some students, such as those studying veterinary medicine, must work with live animals, most do not.

"I don't see the average college student as needing to hone their surgical skills," she said. "We say that biology should be a life science and not taught as a death science."

Students work with PETA

Local affiliate active in movement against cruelty

On the local level for the fight against animal abuse, two Missouri Southern students are making their mark.

Kelly Hunter, a junior environmental science major, and Janine Neff, a senior biology major, have organized a local chapter affiliated with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the largest animal rights group in the nation.

Hunter and Neff, both members of PETA, decided to form a local affiliate in hopes of bringing change in the area. The group now has more than 20 members.

"We basically want to make people in this area aware of what's going on," said Neff. "The consumers keep the animal abuse going on through the products they buy."

Hunter said she wanted to do more than just support PETA through donations, thus deciding on the local group.

"I've been a PETA member, and I wanted to actually do something," said Hunter. "You can send money all you want, but I wanted to really do something."

"It makes me feel really good when one person just gives it thought. I just want to get people motivated, get people thinking, even if they don't agree with me."

The local affiliate has been active in

picketing fur sales at the Kassab store and a fur show at The Attic, both in Joplin. According to Neff, opposing furs is where results could come the easiest in this area.

"It's a good place to start," she said. "You can't start with the beef industry because that's how so many people make their living around here."

According to Hunter, she and her organization also are active in the fight against "dog bunching." This is the practice of stealing dogs and selling them to dealers who then sell them to laboratories for research purposes.

Hunter said there are two types of dog dealers who sell to laboratories. "A" dealers are those who raise dogs specifically for laboratory use. "B" dealers obtain their dogs from outside sources. It is the "B" dealers who purchase animals from bunchers. Although "A" and "B" dealers are legal, bunchers are not.

To help counter this, Hunter said she has ordered a tattoo machine which will allow pet owners to mark and register their animals.

According to Hunter, she and members of her organization will travel to Springfield Saturday to participate in a protest against McDaniel Furrier.



(Top) A cat is force fed a test substance in an acute toxicity test to find the amount needed to kill the animal. The results are used to help companies fight lawsuits from consumers injured by the substance. (Above) Rabbits are restrained in stocks while cosmetics and other chemicals are placed in their eyes to measure effect over a 72-hour period as part of the Draize test. The rabbits often break their necks or backs trying to escape. (Right) A monkey has been crippled in an experiment to test how it will use the maimed limb under stress.



Reader sees slanted coverage

In the Jan. 25 issue of *The Chart* the editors saw fit to devote an entire page to the anti-choice demonstration that went on in Lamar. My question is why have they never given this much coverage to a pro-choice demonstration? Last Nov. 12 several Missouri Southern students attended the largest rally ever in Jefferson City. At least 10,000 people gathered to rally for women's lives; for choice. Is this event not newsworthy? On Jan. 22, 1990, the seventeenth anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, several students from Southern attended a candlelight vigil and reading in memory of the many women killed in back-alley abortions. Is this event not newsworthy? Wednesday, Jan. 24, was pro-choice lobby day in Jefferson City. Is this event not newsworthy?

Also, the abortion bill that *The Chart* says "requires Medicaid to pay for abortions" is misrepresented in this article. The bill asks for Medicaid assistance in abortions in cases of rape,

incest, the presence of the AIDS virus in the woman, and if a doctor certifies severe fetal defect. Ninety percent of the American people agree with abortions performed under these circumstances.

I cannot believe that an advisor and editor who claim that *The Chart* is "a trendsetting publication among college newspapers" would allow misinformation and obvious bias to be blatantly visible in their publication.

Kelly Cannon

[Editor's note: *The Chart* carried a front-page story on the Nov. 12 pro-choice demonstration in Jefferson City. Last week's edition included a photo of a group wanting to stop further government interference in abortion decisions, and this week's issue contains a photo and news item from the Jan. 24 pro-choice lobby day in Jefferson City.]

What goes around comes around

I see that M.S.S.C. is raising funds via the 1990 Phone-thon. Admirable! Having served S.M.S.U. Alumni Association prior to coming here as a student, I thought you might be interested in some of the types of responses we used to get when phoning former students. Now, some folks gave a tidy sum...but others....

"Hi! This is Michael from the alumni association calling again this year to invite your gift to this fine institution of learning....etc."

"Oh ya? Well, I went to that -- college but after the way I was treated there by the librarian...well I wouldn't give ya a damn dime." Or,

"Are you kidding? I paid my way. I got just what I paid for too! When I looked around a time or two to see if one of the faculty or staff of that school

had time for me...well they treated me like I had leprosy...and don't ever disagree with one of their little traditions...no if they want money let them learn how to treat folks."

I guess if you treat people badly, slighting them, making them endure the loudest food on the planet, or make them stand around like so many cattle to get their student loans and grants, and other similar things...that's the kind of phone-thon response you can expect... The golden rule indicates a better response...it seems to say that if a student is treated well and in a considerate manner today...perhaps in tomorrow's fundraising pitch to the alumni that treatment will produce certain benefits!

Michael Penn Lee Herndon



Janine Neff

More Letters to the Editor: Christianity enjoys some majority privileges

On a campus of almost 6,000 students there is a wide variety of beliefs. Christians, Muslim, Buddhist, Atheist, and many others. At Missouri Southern, Christianity is the principle religion. If other people choose to follow other religions they should be free to do so, and the government should not inhibit their freedom to believe what they will. The majority religion, however, should not have to restrict expressions of belief because members of other religions are offended. Christian clubs and bells ringing between classes are not forcing anyone to become a Christian, or preventing anyone with differing beliefs to express themselves as they want. The minority religions by the simple reality of their religious status will have to endure the religious themes of the dominate religion, which happens to be Christianity. Jefferson's wall between church and

state was created to prevent government restrictions on free practice of religion. The chimies and clubs do not violate the wall because they do not in any way inhibit freedom of religion. They neither prevent someone to believe or worship other religions how they wish nor force anyone to believe what they don't. Dropping the clubs under the auspices of Jefferson's wall would be restricting Christians' ability to gather and worship on campus which would be against the whole purpose of the wall, which is keeping the government from suppressing religious practices.

The editor-in-chief correctly stated that "The First Amendment did not expressly spell out a freedom from religion," because the First Amendment says very clearly "freedom to religion," which guarantees free practice to any religion. It does not promise, however,

that anyone who objects to hearing or seeing other religious themes will at no time be subject to them. Restricting any religious practice is unconstitutional, but offending someone with your particular beliefs is not. I might be offended, for example, at someone calling the chimies "easy-listening puke," but it is unconstitutional for me to prevent him from printing it. Someone might be offended at the presence of Christian clubs and bells, but it is lawful for Christians to have them.

The clubs and chimies promote a moral atmosphere that benefits the college. They offer a system of support to students trying to live a moral lifestyle, while undergoing the pressures found in a college environment, and present more activities for a student to involve himself in.

Mark Tedford



Concentration

Sophomore Jamie Robertson works on an art project in his dorm room in Webster Hall Monday night.

Course seeks leaders

BY CHRIS COX
STAFF WRITER

The selection process for College Orientation student leader positions for the fall is underway.

Applicants must have 55 or more hours, at least a 3.0 grade-point average, and prior leadership experience. Application forms can be picked up in Room 211 of the Billingsly Student Center. Application deadline is Wednesday.

According to Lori LeBahn, interim director of College Orientation, the program started out with faculty as the leaders. Students started teaching the classes in 1983.

"This was burdensome for the faculty," said LeBahn. "Students viewed it more positively with students as leaders."

LeBahn said student leaders supply more variety, because the student leaders change every year.

According to Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, all freshmen, including non-traditional students, must take College Orientation.

"Many [non-traditional students] have

been out of school for a number of years," said Dolence. "We try to set up separate classes for them."

About 60 leaders, compared to 54 from last semester, are needed for next fall's program.

"We need more people because of the increased enrollment of freshmen," said LeBahn.

Orientation leaders will be announced on March 19. The leaders are required to attend three to four training workshops this semester, a two-day retreat in August, and weekly meetings next fall.

"Different teaching methods and course objectives are outlined in the workshops. The leaders are taught what makes a good teacher and what makes a poor one. They learn how to deal with problem students and handicapped students. The workshops also demonstrate good study habits."

"We feel this program benefits not only the entering student, but also the College and the leaders teaching the class," said LeBahn. "To be a student leader is an excellent opportunity, and we hope to have a continuing positive response."

Pi Beta Lambda back on campus

Fraternity wants to instill 'chivalry and honor'; hopes to go national

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

Campus involvement and social obligations are motivating forces behind Pi Beta Lambda's return to campus.

The idea for re-establishing the fraternity came from David Burnett, a freshman. He and Chad Sitton, another freshman, then called men they thought would be interested in starting a new fraternity.

"We met with people on a one-on-one basis, and we got a lot of response," said Sitton, now PBL vice president.

According to Sitton, the fraternity has a "respect of God and women." The main goal is to bring back "chivalry and honor in young men."

"When someone sees our letters, they'll know that young man is respectable, clean cut, and he wouldn't be accepted into the group if he wasn't."

"We're not snobbish by any means, but we do have to be selective. You have to think, 'Would you like to call him your brother?'"

Pi Beta Lambda has turned in a constitution to the Student Senate and now is conducting a rush.

The fraternity was at Missouri Southern from 1974-75 when it received a national chapter from Kappa Alpha. Currently the national Kappa Alpha fraternity is looking at the Pi Beta Lambda chapter for nationalization, but PBL still is a local fraternity.

With a Kappa Alpha alumni chapter to be activated on campus May 8, the Pi Beta Lambdas are hoping to re-live history by being accepted by Kappa Alpha.

In September 1986, Southern's Kappa Alpha fraternity turned in its charter in the midst of controversy and conflicting views. Doug Carnahan, director of student life, said the main problem was membership loss and that the national chapter had decided to "close down" the fraternity.

In 1986, however, Mitch Clark, president of Kappa Alpha until its end, told *The Chart* the decision to close the chapter was at the local, not national, level. Clark also said the loss of membership was not a problem.

"The only thing I can really see is lack of support from the College," he said. "There was no one who cared until we started to close down, and then everyone cared."

Now, lack of support is not a problem, according to Sitton. He said support is coming from unexpected areas.

"There hasn't been any resistance," said Sitton. "In fact, Doug Carnahan has gone out of his way to help us. It's tremendous. As long as we keep him informed of what we're doing and what's going on, he thinks

it's great."

Pi Beta Lambda also is receiving support from the Kappa Alpha alumni chapter. The alumni have helped Pi Beta Lambda with money management and setting up a budget.

"We can't ask for anything more than that," Sitton said. "I've never been in contact with guys 35, 40 years old who have graduated and are coming back and saying 'Look, we want to help you guys out all we can and make your lives easier.'"

"Just the idea that we are just starting, and already they're treating us like brothers. We had a meeting with them, and they told us to fill this criteria and said if we did, they would have no problem backing us for national."

"They've got an active alumni chapter but not an active fraternity chapter on campus. So they'd like to see us come back."

The fraternity also has been helped by both Sigma Nu and Sigma Pi.

"We're not tapping into probably more than 5 percent of the school population," Sitton added. "There should be no rivalry. It's not like we're fighting over one or two people. There are so many people that we could rush."

One of the many things that surprised Sitton was the amount of work needed not only to start a local fraternity, but also to go national.

"The thing is the time and energy it takes," he said. "This is my first year of college, and it's a drain on all of us. It's like starting a small business and attending college at the same time."

"Even the Joplin Chamber of Commerce told us we could look at this as a business and start out as a local business."

Carnahan helped the fraternity set up its constitution and declaration of ideals. It also has received an on-campus address for a tax identification number. Sigma Pi and Sigma Nu have helped with the social aspects of a fraternity.

"We didn't even know how to throw a rush party. The guys (Sigma Nu and Sigma Pi) were very helpful. They held dry rushes this year, and it was very successful."

Some of the criteria the national Kappa Alpha chapter will look for is whether the fraternity members meet grade-point average requirements while maintaining KA ideals. It will look at the College and decide if there is potential for growth, and it will look at the business management of the fraternity.

Sitton said members also have received support from their family members.

"I didn't even know my uncle was Greek until we brought this up," he said. "It's great. He started telling all these stories about stuff they did together. There's a lot of tradition in it."

The Pi Beta Lambdas will not have a sister sorority on campus, but that is "fine" with them.

"We don't really want to get into the politics of that. Right now, we get along with the Zetas and the Lambdas. We want to stay out of the trouble of pairing off because then feelings get hurt."

The Pi Beta Lambdas are not only interested in helping the community with philanthropic support, but they also want to get involved with on-campus activities.

"There's a lot of men in the dorms looking for stuff to do," Sitton said, "and we need to know what to offer them. We've got to direct our power more toward getting the guys interested."

Like most other Greek organizations at Southern, Sitton said the Pi Beta Lambdas will do their best to help the Greek community.

"If you look at the future plans for the College, there's no Greek Row," he said. "I'd like to see that change, and I know a lot of other people feel the same. The potential is there."

"The Greek system would be great if it was utilized. It could take care of philanthropy, and it could really help the community and society. But then there's *Animal House*, and movies like that. People see that and it's what they remember, and what they think fraternities are like. That's not what Greek life is about. This is an organization of men, not boys."

Misinterpretation of Greek life could stem from misinformation, according to Sitton. He said the secrecy of fraternal organizations and their rules and ideals is part of their fascination.

"You don't know that much about them until you start pledging and learning how to be a Greek man," said Sitton. "It's really tremendous the charities and other organizations they're behind. There's so much history behind it."

Being part of a fraternity also means lifetime contacts and lifetime involvement.

"The brotherhood and the good friends will last the rest of our lives. When you become a brother, it will last forever."

"We want to see something good come of our efforts. We're not going to follow in their [the former Kappa Alpha chapter] footsteps."

Though most of the fraternity's 15 members are freshmen, with only one sophomore, they do not see youth as a problem.

"We are going to learn our positions as much as possible," said Sitton. "Then we can pass on that knowledge. Next year, we'll be young, but we'll have the knowledge to be able to run the fraternity."

"That's where we are today. We are waiting for the nationals to come down and look at us. We're keeping our eggs warm and waiting for them to hatch."

Upcoming Events

Today Feb. 1.	LDSSSA Noon Room 314 BSC	English Club 12-15 Room 322B Heames Hall	Pi Beta Lambda 7 p.m. Room 311 BSC	Transientz Dance & party 8 p.m. Lions' Den
Tomorrow Feb. 2	Interviews U.S. Navy Sign up Room 207 BSC	Free Coffee Sponsored by Social Sciences club 8 a.m.-Noon Room 111 Mansion		Transientz Dance & party 9 p.m. Lions' Den
Sunday Feb. 4	Sigma Pi 8-30 p.m. Basement of dormitory building C	Lady Lions Basketball at Southwest Baptist University 3 p.m.	Lions Basketball at Southwest Baptist University 7:30 p.m.	Wesley Foundation Sunday nite live 8 p.m. Newman Road. UMC
Monday Feb. 5	Wesley Foundation Noon Room 311 BSC	Career Workshop Becoming marketable in the new economy Noon-12:50 p.m. Room 306 BSC	Sigma Nu 5 p.m. Room 311 BSC	CAB Movie "Young Guns" 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Barn Theatre
Tuesday Feb. 6	Interviews U.S. Marine Corps Sign up Room 207 BSC	ECM Noon Room 313 BSC	Newman Club Noon Room 311 BSC	
Wednesday Feb. 7	Greek Council Reception For faculty 1:30-3:30 p.m. House of Lords BSC	Honors Colloquium 2 p.m. Room 314 BSC	Campus Activities Board 3 p.m. Connor Ballroom	Student Senate 5:30 p.m. Room 310 BSC

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Rehearsal William Watts (left), Hans Peter Nielsen (center), and Robbie Webb (right) rehearse their parts for "Covert," a student-directed one-act play to be performed Feb. 2-3 at the Barn Theatre.

Playwrights to present one-acts

Student productions 'Covert' and 'The Gospel Truth' to be performed

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

Aspiring playwrights at Missouri Southern now have been given the chance to see their work performed. Two original one-act plays, developed by students at the College, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday in the Barn Theatre.

The first of the two plays, *Covert*, was written by Tracy Eden and is being directed by James Carter.

According to Eden, a senior majoring in both theatre and English, *Covert* is a comedy take-off from the "James Bond-type spy movies." A Russian woman and a British agent are led around by an American who comes across as "rather simple minded."

"James (the director) took it into his mind to set it in 1968, which is when the James Bond movies really first started hitting their stride," said Eden. "It works really well, adding a kind of psychedelic theme to the play. It's a farce; you really have to concentrate on the lines."

The second one-act play is *The Gospel Truth*, written by Gina Small, a sophomore theatre major. It will be directed by David Stockton.

In the play, which received inspiration from Small's own experiences, a group of

five college students get together to read Bible verses. In the process, they find out a lot about themselves and each other as a conflict develops between two of the characters.

"It's not the typical Bible study group where everyone sits with Bibles and reads verses," she said. "They bring all sorts of things, even beer. It's very casual."

Small stresses that the emphasis in her play is not necessarily on religion, but more so on the characters, their relationships, and the truth.

"I'm afraid people will come to the play, expecting the main focus to be on religion," she said. "If they come looking for that they may be offended."

Both plays are part of a new program in the theatre department to give student playwrights an opportunity to see their works on stage. There will be another set of student-written plays put on later in the semester. The playwrights and directors view this program as a long-awaited step for the department.

"The reason for this whole program," said Carter, "is so that we can get more experience. The playwrights can have the experience of having their material brought before the public and receiving a response from them."

He said although students have had the opportunity to direct plays in the past,

there never was student participation on this level.

"I, as a director, get the experience of working on an original script with the playwright, which is what is done in the professional world," said Carter.

Eden, too, has found this experience valuable.

"I'm excited to get this going," he said. "Douglas Hill, who will have a play in the second set later on in the semester, is the one who really spearheaded this program."

"We've been pushing for this for a year, and it's wonderful that we have this opportunity."

The playwrights found many factors helpful in getting their scripts to the point they're at now.

One is the assistance of Gary Blackwood, a professional playwright who is currently teaching a playwrighting class at the College. He critiqued Eden and Small's work even before the directors saw the script.

According to the playwrights and the directors, another helpful feature of the program is the talk-back. The two plays were read for an audience in December, with time allotted for feedback from those present.

"It's hard to take criticism," she said, "but once you step on that stage, the muzzle goes on and you can't be defensive."

Upcoming exhibition features modern art

Contemporary works to be showcased at Spiva

BY KRISTA UMPHENOUR
STAFF WRITER

What do "General Nuke," "Friend of the People," "Black Lemon," and "Luminous Journey" all have in common? According to Val Christensen, director of Spiva Art Center, they are the titles of some of the contemporary prints featured in an upcoming exhibition.

"Contemporary art is usually referring to pieces created since the second World War," Christensen said. "Almost all of the artists are still alive."

Contemporary prints from the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery will be shown from Feb. 4 to March 18, works from highly regarded artists such as Richard Serra, Raymond Saunders, Susan Rothenberg, and Andy Warhol will be on display.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

One of the exhibit's purposes is to erase the misconceptions about these artists and their contemporary works.

"People shy away from experiences that are new," said Christensen. "Any encounter with the new produces a degree

of questioning. It is only after we move away from that thing that we gain a perspective."

"Art is a communicative act," he said. "It's a dialogue between the artist and the viewer. There's always meaning, always content. Sometimes the feeling or idea may not be clear to us."

According to Christensen, surprise is one of the most common reactions people have when they view contemporary art for the first time.

"People remember the one [art piece] that has the greatest impact on them," he said. "The one they think they like, they soon forget."

The Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery located in Lincoln, Neb., has a "very extensive collection in American art, and its print collection has a great variety," said Christensen.

"Recent contemporary American art is best described as pluralistic. There is a great deal of diversity," he said. "One of the goals is to show a diversity that exists in the visual arts."

Anticipating a successful exhibition, Christensen encourages everyone in the four-state area to view the contemporary prints.

JCCA sponsors recital

The Joplin Community Concert Association will present James Michael McGuire in concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium.

McGuire, a baritone, will give a classical recital. He has performed in many cities, including San Francisco, Dallas, and New York. McGuire, a graduate of Emporia (Kan.) State University, also has performed with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Karen Dolanc, president of the JCCA, said it is unusual to find a performer from the area.

The JCCA presents between four and five concerts per season.

Funding for the concerts comes from membership dues. Once the dues are paid, the new member may attend the concerts at no additional charge. Missouri Southern has a membership, allowing students to get in at no charge upon presentation of their I.D.

Other concerts in the works are Canadian Brass, which is to appear next fall, and Manhattan Rhythm Kings, scheduled to perform Feb. 27.

Persons interested in obtaining a membership may call 624-3157.

Team captures sweeps

Team effort paid off for Missouri Southern's debate team last weekend at a tournament at Arkansas Tech University.

Competing against 11 other teams, Southern captured the sweepstakes title. Rachel Rinehart advanced to the finals and placed third in informative speaking.

"My poem about gnomes had the potential to do well, and I was glad that it finally went over the edge," said Rinehart.

Dave Delaney, debate coach, provided Rinehart with some visual aids which may have added an extra boost to her performance.

"In finals all the entries are good," said Delaney. "A visual aid will get everyone's attention and cause impact."

Rinehart and Chris Morris also took fifth in novice debate.

Mike Prater and Paul Hood took fourth in open debate.

Also placing for Southern were Alicia Ward and Julie Pasmore, who took fourth in the novice debate category. Ward also was given the first-place speaker award.

Southern and Pittsburg State University will co-host the Ozark Classic Swing this weekend.

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speakers. To continue to give them funds and deny funds to religious organizations is discrimination. Either the money has to be available to all or to none.

Denying religious organizations equal billing and equal access to resources amounts to control of the church by the state. Making it more difficult to express religious views than non-religious views is

a form of censorship. Separation of church and state means not only that the church must not control the state. It also means the state must not control or suppress the church.

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Manager Joplin's personnel director Sheila Daniel serves on two committees as part of her regular job duties.

Head finds city staff supportive

Daniel believes having women in leadership posts should be 'old hat'

BY JOHN FORD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Although in some areas it may be "old hat," Sheila Daniel said some people have expressed "shock" that a woman serves as a department head. Daniel, personnel director, is one of two women recently hired to serve in a department head capacity with the city. Tracey Osborne is the new convention and visitors' bureau director for Joplin.

"It's a real shock for people to see that we have two 'semi-young' women for department head jobs in the city," said Daniel. "It should be old hat by now."

"With Tracey being pretty much my age and having the same career goals as I have, I think of her as a peer. Obviously, the city thinks they have hired the best people they could find."

Daniel found the city's administrative staff to be supportive of her.

"I know it sounds like a cliché, but we've got a great staff here," she said. "Most have been here awhile and know their jobs very well. They seem to be very supportive and helpful."

Part of the reason Daniel accepted the position was the challenge. She was offered a position in Alabama which would have

provided a larger salary with less hours, but chose to accept Joplin's proposal.

"I was tempted," Daniel said, "but I chose to stay in Joplin. I wanted to stay in Joplin because of the advantages here. I considered the additional pay, and felt I was better off in Joplin because of our lower cost of living."

"Besides, I thought of going back into manufacturing, where you work a 40-hour week and make one product. But that would be so boring. This position isn't like that. Here, it's different every day. Things could change overnight. We have City Council elections coming up, and we could get four or five new bosses overnight. That is part of the excitement with this job."

Serving on two boards is a major aspect of Daniel's job. She works with an affirmative action committee and the personnel board, which hears management/employee disputes.

"I was pleasantly surprised with how well we work together," said Daniel. "For instance, if we needed to have a meeting, say tomorrow at ten o'clock, we could get a quorum together in a couple of hours. For a group in which the workers aren't paid, this amazes me."

According to Daniel, one of the items

the committee recently had to consider was staffing. Joplin has turned over city garbage collection to private haulers, and the personnel board had to re-evaluate procedures concerning hiring policy.

"With the loss of our trash collection, the department had to re-write policy so 'bumping' could occur instead of staff layoffs," Daniel said.

Staffing for summer positions also has taken up a large amount of her time.

"With the summer staffing, it stays busy around here," she said. "There is more staffing than I expected, but it's seasonal."

In addition, the department is conducting police officer testing, which occurs every six months. The performance of each officer is evaluated at this time. Daniel said the hiring procedure for the force is one of the most rigorous.

"It's a major process," she said. "It's a major interviewing process that they have to go through. On average, we review 150 or 200 applications to fill one position."

The personnel department also is working on its "quality circle" program, where it remains open to ideas from city employees on how to improve job performance and satisfaction.

Carthage native heads tourism bureau

BY KATHY MIKLOS
CHART REPORTER

Joplin is becoming one of the nation's major travel destinations, according to Tracey Osborne, convention and visitors' bureau director for the city.

"There are a number of attractions here," said Osborne, "including the Precious Moments Chapel, which has already attracted, in only six or seven months of operation, over 150,000 visitors. That in and of itself is putting Joplin on the map."

Osborne also thinks the older attractions will help make Joplin better known. The George Washington Carver National Monument, the Dorothea B. Hoover Museum, and the Tri-State Mineral Museum, all of which, Osborne said, appeal to people of all ages.

"One of the things that I really want to get accomplished is to make people who already live here more aware of what the area has to offer," she said.

A native of Carthage, Osborne graduated summa cum laude from William Jewell College with a bachelor's degree in English and communications.

She had worked for the past two and a half years as director of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce. Last month she was named Joplin's convention and visitors' bureau director.

"I was very fortunate to begin working with the chamber," Osborne said. "I had just graduated from school, and the position was open at that time so it was a very good opportunity for me."

While working for the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, Osborne said she be-

came increasingly more interested in tourism.

"The potential for southwest Missouri as far as tourism is concerned is what made me get interested in this position," she said. "I really believe in the southwest Missouri area, and I think there's a lot more growing to be done here. I think it's just a matter of promoting what we already have."

Osborne said one of the greatest advantages to getting people to come and stay in the area is that area residents are very hospitality oriented.

"People are friendly here," Osborne said. "People enjoy coming where people make them feel welcome."



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New director Tracey Osborne, Joplin's tourism and visitors' bureau director, believes the city is a major tourism draw.

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Legislature to decide on smoking issue

Proposed law establishes non-smoking areas

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

As part of a statewide effort by the Missouri Coalition on Smoking and Health to fight secondhand smoke, a bill has been introduced into the legislature that would require the establishment of non-smoking areas in public areas.

The Missouri Clean Indoor Air Act, sponsored by Rep. Tommy Macdonnell (D-Marshfield) does not ban smoking nor does it discriminate against smokers. It is simply "an attempt to protect public health."

"Missouri is ready for legislation of this type," said Dr. Michael Perry, chairman of the Missouri cancer control advisory board. "Nationwide, 43 states and 450 cities and counties have laws or ordinances protecting the health of nonsmokers."

According to Macdonnell's bill, the designated non-smoking areas should be sufficient in size to effectively accommodate the demands of the non-smoking public, or 50 percent of the total area of the workplace or public area. Proprietors will create the non-smoking areas by isolating

them from secondhand smoke, posting signs, and requesting violators to stop smoking.

If passed, the new law would apply to public meeting sites; any enclosed area where the general public is admitted; health care, recreational, and educational facilities; restrooms; restaurants; and public transportation vehicles.

The act pertains to all public areas. Some places are exempt from the bill, including private residences, limousines for hire, restaurants which seat less than 50 people, theatrical performances, and bars which "conspicuously" post signs stating that non-smoking areas are unavailable.

"It is time to recognize and remedy this serious health hazard affecting so many Missourians," said Dr. Ronald Vincent, president of the Missouri Division of the American Cancer Society. "We feel this is a positive beginning."

Violators of the proposed law are those who smoke in the designated non-smoking areas, proprietors who knowingly allow people to smoke in the non-smoking area, and proprietors who fail to designate non-smoking areas which are called for in the

act.

"If the Clean Indoor bill is passed, the Department of Health will be in charge of enforcing the law and issuing the regulations," said Richard Antweiler, director of communications for the American Cancer Society in Missouri. "To really work, the law depends upon the people of Missouri. They must cooperate with the law and the non-smoking areas."

Though the proposed law has garnered 93 co-sponsors, enough to pass the bill now if all of the co-sponsors voted for it, it is not without opposition. The tobacco companies have hired John Britton, an independent Jefferson City lobbyist, to argue their position.

Britton would not comment about the proposed legislation.

"The tobacco institutes are fighting very hard to defeat this bill," Antweiler said. "They would like to put their foot on the whole movement, not just the Clean Indoor Air Act."

Opponents of Macdonnell's bill claim it would take away smokers' rights to smoke when and where they want, that the law would be too difficult to enforce, it would hurt small businesses, and that this type of legislation "represents intrusion into a private matter."

In defense, supporters of the bill state that non-smokers make up about 70 percent of Missouri's population and have the right to breathe smoke-free indoor air. The supporters also see this legislation as a health issue, not an issue about smokers and non-smokers rights.

"It's a good bill and gives the people that smoke a place to go smoke, and it gives people who don't smoke a place to go," said Rep. Chuck Wooten (R-Springfield). "If you look at my voting record, you'll see that I'm very reluctant to take away the rights of any people. My voting record reflects about 80 percent of the time I'm against any bill that does this. But there are times I have to go the other way."

"The time has come when this state has got to look at a clean air act, and smoking is the least part of it. It also looks at the smoke-stack industry and other forms of pollution. This is just the first step, and probably a small step, in a large movement."

According to Macdonnell, no special funding or additional action by the legislature is required to pass the bill, which would take effect Jan. 1, 1991.

Capitol Briefs

Missouri now has 5,000 listed caves

► The state just recently has recorded 5,000 caves, giving it the distinction of recording more caves than any other state.

The recording of our 5,000 caves is a tribute to the extensive efforts of the speleological survey members, department staff, and other Missourians who have worked to explore and record the caves," said Tracy Mehan, director of the Department of Natural Resources.

Scattered throughout the counties, Missouri's 5,000 caves serve as a habitat for endangered species and preserve archaeological and geological features.

Missouri has more developed caves open to the public than any other state. The closest state to Missouri in number of recorded caves is Tennessee, with about 4,500.

Bill could reduce deaths by cancer

► Rep. Pat Dougherty (D-St. Louis) has introduced legislation into the General Assembly that could save women's lives.

The bill requires private insurance companies to cover the cost of mammography screening. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 1,000 women die of breast cancer in the state every year, and officials say mammography is the best defense against the disease.

"It's time for us to wake up and realize that we can save lives and money by preventing the disease," said Dougherty. "Mammography is safe, simple, and cost effective, and it makes sense for insurance to cover this preventive service."

Governor calls for ethics legislation

► Gov. John Ashcroft recently announced the support of two Missouri organizations for his ethics reform legislation.

"I renew my call for ethics reform," said Gov. John Ashcroft. "There has never been a more appropriate time to strengthen the conflict-of-interest laws that govern the activities of public officials."

Common Cause, a lobbying organization, and the League of Women Voters, an organization which encourages citizens to be involved in government, have long campaigned for ethics reform in the state.

Among other things, Ashcroft's proposal requires lobbyists to disclose the amount they spend to influence legislation.

Pro-choicers lobby for legal abortion

► Volunteer pro-choice lobbyists campaigned at the Capitol last week to support legislation that would restore access to safe and legal abortion in the state.

Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) spoke on behalf of the Missouri Alliance for Choice, saying "I'm a Democrat and I think that party is more likely to get you where you want to go."

The proposed legislation addresses reproductive rights issues and seeks to repeal some restrictions that currently deny equal access to abortion.

Gambling hears no objections

► The Senate Elections and General Laws Committee heard comments concerning legalized casino gambling last week.

Supporters of the idea say Missouri could lose money to Iowa and Illinois, where those states have already legalized riverboat gambling.

According to Sen. John Dennis (D-Benton), the committee may take action on the gambling issue this week.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIMMY L. SEXTON

Pro-choice movement

Jean Cavender, chairperson of the Missouri Alliance for Legislative Committee, and India McCanse, director of public affairs of Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri, address pro-choice supporters at the State Capitol on Jan. 24. The groups support legislation concerning reproductive rights issues and want to repeal some abortion restrictions.

Senator seeks change in Streams Act

An opponent of the Natural Streams Act has introduced a bill that would allow the act to become effective in only those counties where the majority is in approval.

Sen. Danny Staples (D-Eminence) is sponsoring legislation that says if the majority of voters in a county containing streams fails to pass the measure, it could not be placed in effect until the majority approves it in another election.

"The way the Natural Streams Act is structured, it must be liberally construed to override duly elected authorities such as county or municipal governments," said Staples, chairman of the Senate committee on conservation, parks and tourism. "My bill simply protects the rights of the governed to decide the manner in which they

should be governed."

Current law says the measure would take effect statewide if passed by a statewide majority and would be applicable in counties that did not approve the measure.

Supporters of the Natural Streams Act are attempting to garner 100,000 signatures by July 6 to put the measure on the November general election ballot. The Act would then place regulation of designated streams under a new five-member commission appointed by the Governor.

Under the Streams Act, local public and private groups are called upon to develop usage plans under strict guidelines contained in the ballot proposal. If those plans are not developed within two years, a plan would then be drafted by the five-

member commission.

"We want to protect our beautiful rivers and streams," Staples said. "But utilizing a punitive approach such as the Natural Streams Act threatens the rights of landowners, outdoor enthusiasts, and the voters of this state."

The Natural Streams Act would ban all-terrain vehicles from 52 rivers and streams in Missouri and would create commissions to manage the streams and have the authority to limit mining, development, and logging.

Staples' bill is co-sponsored by Sen. Richard Webster (R-Carthage), Sen. John Dennis (D-Benton), and Sen. Dennis Smith (R-Springfield).

Strategic plan would cause 'growth spurt'

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

As the 21st century draws near, legislators are planning for the state's future.

Rep. Jerry Burch (D-Walker) is calling for Missouri to appoint its fourth "Little Hoover" commission, which would develop a strategic plan and a five-year budgeting cycle to take Missouri into the year 2000.

"It is time we put a strong foundation for a modern Missouri," said Burch. "If we are going to pass a strong state on to our children and grandchildren, Missourians must begin building now for the future."

Burch is proposing two pieces of legislation that would create a "two-pronged approach" to mapping the state's future. First, Missouri would establish a citizen study commission to look at and deter-

mine which state programs are needed, which ones should be eliminated, and how they should be funded or restructured.

The commission also would develop a strategic plan for Missouri "which would cause the state to have a growth spurt as it enters the 21st century." According to Burch, this growth would push Missouri ahead of its peers.

"Not only would the economic outlook be brighter, but Missouri would be in a better position to maintain the number of congressmen speaking out for Missouri concerns in Washington, D.C.," he said. "After the last census this state lost a congressman. We cannot afford to lose more."

The second approach recommends a five-year budgeting plan that would establish long-range goals.

"The state currently operates from crisis to crisis with little effort given to an-

icipating the needs and problems which will confront the state," said Burch. "We need to eliminate the short-range tunnel vision and establish goals which will improve education, highways, health care, and other programs over the long-range."

The "Little Hoover" commission was created by former President Harry S. Truman when he appointed former President Herbert Hoover to head a federal commission intent on studying the organization of the federal bureaucracy. The work of this federal commission inspired several states to adopt "Little Hoover" commissions of their own. Missouri has had three such commissions.

Said Burch, "For us to enter the next century with momentum and vision, we must begin now."

Bill would create new revenues for CBHE

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

Sen. Harold Caskey (D-Butler) is sponsoring legislation that would create a new source of additional revenues for the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to use in making program changes among the higher education institutions in the state.

"The main thing the bill does is require each institution to produce a plan for the 21st century about what their school's mission is, what they see their future to be," said Caskey. "The plan then goes to the CBHE, they put them together, and then it comes back to the state legislature to determine state policy."

Caskey's bill also removes the statutory restriction on the state-supported institutions of higher education, as they will no longer be limited to training teachers and offering graduate degrees only in education and the arts and sciences.

The new revenue will be generated by a 2 percent surcharge on personal income tax and a 10 percent surcharge on corporate tax. Applied to tax years 1991 through 1996, the surtaxes are expected to bring in \$70 million annually.

According to Caskey, the additional revenues will be put into a fund called the Higher Education Fund for the Twenty-first Century, and will be given to the CBHE to distribute in the following way: Twenty-five percent of the revenues are designated for student aid, 25 percent for research and development, and 50 percent for new programs.

"The Coordinating Board would have the authority to disperse the 50 percent to those schools that entertain the formation of new programs," said Caskey. "If the Board tells them they would have some duplication if they accept this program, they would have to eliminate one program in order to replace it with the new one."

The school would also have the option to opt out if they wanted to."

The proposed act would also allow Missouri to join the Southern Regional Compact for higher education. About 15 states belong to the compact which was started in 1948.

"The Southern Regional Compact is a compact that has been in existence for a long time," Caskey said. "If Missouri were included within the compact, it would enable the state to look at programs that Missouri might not have that are expensive to establish. Then our students could go to those schools and pay in-state tuition."

Currently, the state has a cooperative agreement with Kansas University for architectural engineering. According to Caskey, there was a problem with the University last year but Missouri was able to get an extension of the cooperative agreement for two additional years.

"If in fact there was a university with an architectural degree in engineering, then it would allow our students to go to school and pay in-state tuition," he said. "Currently, we have our cooperative agreement, but KU's optometry students come to Missouri, and our architectural students go to KU."

Despite loss of appeal, team optimistic

BY KEVIN MCCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

The women's tennis team has a simple goal for the upcoming season: "competing."

"One of our main goals is to be able to compete with the other teams that comprise the MIAA (Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association)," said Georgina Bodine, who has replaced Hartford Tunnell as head coach. "I don't want to say that we are going to win 75 percent of our matches, or that we'll get beaten 9-0 or win 9-0. I simply want the matches to be close and for the girls to work hard."

Though Bodine is not a newcomer to the game of tennis, having played at Southern from 1976-80, she does admit that she knows little about the MIAA.

"I've really only seen two of the nine teams in our conference, but I already expect the matches to be difficult. Lincoln University, who won the conference last year, will be perhaps our toughest oppo-

nent. Southwest Baptist, whom we played earlier in the fall and lost 6-3, and Northwest, will be tough as well."

Despite the fact that practices will not begin until Feb. 19 and that the first match isn't until early March, Bodine already has gotten to know the team, consisting of Marie Curry, Melissa Lambert, Angie Mayberry, Rhonda Norcross, Adriana Rodriguez and Melissa Woods.

"Just from the meetings and from the games they've played in the fall I can tell they have great ability, wonderful team rapport, and a super attitude toward the practices and matches this spring. Yet, we are disappointed over the decision that will bar us from play in the tournament."

The MIAA leveled six sanctions against the tennis program on Sept. 14, including the banning of the team from the 1990 conference tournament. The penalties were for "the providing of benefits in excess of room and board or tuition to student athletes in the program" and "inaccurate reporting of scholarships."

"We decided to appeal the ban against the team because it was really the only one that had an impact upon the girls themselves," said Sallie Beard, women's athletic director.

The MIAA infractions committee, composed of one faculty representative from each of the 12 conference schools, voted to deny the appeal on Jan. 8 during the NCAA convention in Dallas.

"It is a regret that the Southern tennis team will not be able to play in the MIAA tournament, but the committee worked very hard in making the decision," said Ken Jones, MIAA commissioner. "It was not a quick decision, but rather one that was given a lot of thought and care."

Beard was "very disappointed" over the decision.

"I think it is a shame that our girls won't be able to play because of someone else's mistake. This was to be our first year of competition in the MIAA, and they are going to miss out on that."

While discouraged, Bodine wants the

players to "set their sights on the next year."

"I told the girls that although we couldn't play in the tournament, we still had the season in the spring to contend with and that we ought to look forward to that," she said. "I would love to see the girls give their 100 percent and to do their best in the upcoming matches."

Woods, a sophomore, urges the student body to support the tennis program as it would a football or basketball team.

"We would really love it if we could get more support for the tennis team, because last year the administration was thinking seriously about dropping the women's tennis program because they thought no one cared," said Woods. "We had to urge friends to come and watch so this wouldn't happen."

Woods says she can sum up the qualities of the 1990 team in one phrase.

"Southern has a very good women's tennis team," she said.

My Opinion



Athletes will benefit from rule changes

It is the only piece of sports news that can cause even the most avid of arm-chair quarterbacks to turn their head. You can read it, re-read it, and still not grasp the point.

I am talking about the annual "house cleaning" in college athletics, the NCAA convention. The term house cleaning is used loosely because throughout most of the prior decade big-time college athletics have left their dirty laundry scattered for all to see.

Realizing that national opinions were low, university presidents were inspired to work hard for new legislation. Compromises were reached with athletic directors and coaches that definitely will have an impact on the future of student-athletes.

Enter Proposition 24. This measure passed by the delegates will require schools to release the graduation rates of their athletes. Very simply put, this will show which schools graduate their players and which do not. The big-time colleges will be required to disclose this information as soon as 1991.

It is worth noting that the Division I programs have had this idea for some time, but just recently have had their hands forced. The three-year delay for Division II will allow adequate time to compile necessary records and could provide a workable blueprint for the smaller schools.

By requiring graduation rates to be published, the heat will be on the coaches to provide more study time.

Enter Proposition 30, unquestionably the most bitterly debated proposal. Essentially, this will cut back on an athlete's sports obligations.

Included in this ruling is the reduction of regular season basketball games from 28 to 25. This infuriated many athletic directors who now are forced to invent new ways to balance their budgets.

College presidents contend that delaying the start of the season will allow athletes to spend more time in the classroom. Athletic directors and coaches, however, say practices and meetings are where time is lost, not in competition.

On the home front, the Lions would lose four games and the Lady Lions five going by this year's schedule. Lost revenue will not be as big an issue in Division II as the enforcement of these cutbacks.

Also a casualty to Proposition 30 is basketball's starting date for practice. What at one time was Oct. 15 has now been moved back to Nov. 1, effective in 1992.

If basketball was the most bitterly debated sport, then football was likely the most mellow. As in previous debates, the presidents went right for the jugular, wanting to eliminate all contact in spring practice.

After a compromise, spring drills will be scaled down from 20 sessions over 36 days to 15 sessions over 21 days. Contact will be permitted only in Division I programs.

Other issues that passed include random, year-round drug testing for athletes; summer school scholarships for freshman athletes; and the amending of Proposal 42, allowing freshman athletes who do not meet Proposition 45 standards to apply for financial aid.

Most of those decisions effect Division I now, but they do allow Division II schools something to fall back on if problems arise.

With one tug of the proverbial rein, university presidents have helped set their institutions back on the right track.

The future holds many changes, and fans can feel comfortable in knowing that decisions concerning NCAA sports finally will be made for the benefit of student-athletes.

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Lady Lions gain revenge on PSU with 77-67 win

Gabriel sparks team to second-half comeback

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Trailing by seven points at halftime, the Lady Lions rallied for a 77-67 victory over Pittsburg State University last night in Young Gymnasium.

"This was the first game the team did what I told them to," said Janet Gabriel, head coach. "I think the girls are finally getting comfortable with each other and are listening more to me and learning my signals."

Senior Susie Walton said Gabriel talked to the team at halftime and "charged up" the team to make its comeback.

"Coach told us to relax and play together, and it happened—we won," she said.

The Lady Lions, now 8-11, had dropped an 82-79 overtime decision to the Cussies at PSU on Jan. 10. Gabriel said they lost that game as a result of injuries.

"We won this time because we are a dif-

ferent team now," she said.

Walton, who plays forward, scored 26 points in last night's game. She credits the passing abilities of the Lady Lions' guards for her success.

"I would not have made the shots if the guards had not passed well," she said. "I could tell during the warm-up that the game would be intense."

Freshman Tammy Eaton, who added 16 points, said she wanted to beat PSU because of Southern's previous loss to the Kansas team.

"It was a good game," Eaton said. "We played really well the second half. We were all ready for a win. This win will boost us up for the rest of the season."

According to assistant coach Raye Pond, the Lady Lions played an excellent game, despite the fact they have been plagued with injuries.

"Terri Haynes is playing with a sprained ankle, and Susie Walton has shin splints on both legs," Pond said. "I don't think we

even have five healthy players on the team. But the girls never give up; they have heart."

Gabriel said her players are "going beyond the call of duty."

"My kids are sacrificing their bodies for our games," she said. "I am very impressed with their dedication."

On Monday, the Lady Lions lost on the road to Central Missouri State University, 96-71. The Jennies were ranked No. 8 in NCAA Division II.

"CMSU always plays well at home," Gabriel said. "My girls got in their face, but they (CMSU) still hit everything."

Despite the loss, Gabriel said she was pleased with her team's performance. She said the Lady Lions always give 100 percent, even in losing efforts.

"It is my personality to fight until the end," Gabriel said. "I guess it spreads the rest of the team. My girls will not roll over; they fight until the end."

Last Saturday, Southern defeated the



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Inbound

Lady Lions freshman forward Tammy Eaton works inbound the ball during Saturday's 82-80 victory over the University of Missouri-St. Louis Riverwomen.

Inconsistency plagues Lions in 70-63 setback

BY MARK ETTER
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A lack of consistency was evident again last night as the basketball Lions fell to Pittsburg State 70-63.

"We missed a lot of free throws," said Sam Wilcher, senior forward. "We concentrated on the game, but we couldn't get the shots to follow through."

Wilcher said the Lions lost the game "slip through our fingers."

Senior forward Mike Rader led the Lions with 14 points and senior forward Reggie Mahone added 11. Southern hit only 42 percent of its shots and lost the rebounding battle, 42-33.

The Lions, who defeated Pittsburg State in overtime on Jan. 10, came into last night's game off what the coaching staff called their best performance of the season—a 98-80 win Saturday night over the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

According to David Lurvey, junior forward, the Lions did not play with consistency in the PSU re-match. He said the tendency all season has been to "play one game all out and then fall flat the next."

"This was a big game for us; we were all pumped up," he said. "We got some of the shots we wanted, but we just could not hit our free throws."

Saturday, the Lions will take their 8-8 overall record and 4-2 MIAA mark to Bolivar to get their first look at nationally ranked Southwest Baptist University.

Robert Corn, Southern head coach, said SBU "plays in control and doesn't beat themselves with unnecessary turnovers."

Jerry Kirksey, in his third year at SBU, has the Bearcats off to a 16-1 start, including a 6-1 conference record.

"We are playing well, but we could easily be 12-5," said Kirksey. "Missouri Southern is sitting in an excellent position. Coach Corn has done an outstanding job."

On Wednesday, the Lions will play host to Southeast Missouri State at 7:30 p.m. Wilcher said he is anxious to play this game because he would like revenge after a 36-point loss to the Indians on Jan. 17. "I am looking forward to this game," he said. "We will be ready to play hard because we kind of got embarrassed up there earlier this year."

Corn said he envisions a new plan of attack for the Lions against SEMO.

"Anytime you get beat by 36 points, you can't stay the same," he said. "We have to do a better job handling their pressure."

With a win in either of these two contests, the Lions would match their combined victory output of the past two years.

"We are giving something to the community that all the guys can feel good about," Corn said. "We have had some tremendous crowds, and they continue to grow."

Said Lurvey, "We know we need to knock off some good teams to get to post-season play. We know we can play ball; we just need to get on it."

Track team shows gains

BY ROD SHETLER
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In its second meet of the year, Missouri Southern's track team competed in the Pittsburg State Invitational last Sunday.

"We had a lot of improvement over previous meets," said Tom Rutledge, head coach.

Freshman Trace Maxwell placed second in the 300-yard competition, improving his time by a second and a half.

Freshman Jay Pride placed fifth in the shot-put competition with a throw of 44.4 feet.

Freshman Cory Caazelle earned a sixth-place finish in the shot-put, and according to Rutledge, showed improvement.

"Cory did very well," said Rutledge. "He can attribute that to getting in a little better shape and a little more practice."

Teams from Oklahoma Christian College, Oral Roberts University, Pittsburg State, Navajo Junior College, and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M also competed in the meet.

Rodney Lee, Scott Wynn, and Maxwell all improved their times in the 60-meter dash.

"They had some tough competition from some of the junior colleges, simply because they had more [team members] entered," said Rutledge.

Rutledge said he is glad for the experience his "young" track team is gaining.

"We go to the meet and maybe someone will have a bad day, but several others have a great day," he said. "Our job is to help that one out and to remain positive. We are having a lot of good practices."

The next competition on tap for Southern's distance runners will be Sunday's 15-mile run from Sarcosie to Carthage.